

[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] the police liaison at the time.
[3] Q: Right. Did you advise him that
[4] you have information to believe that Gary
[5] Bosetti was involved in this incident?
[6] A: I didn't advise him that. He was
[7] listening to the whole conversation.
[8] Q: My question to you, sir, is this,
[9] yes or no, and if you can't answer yes or
[10] no, then you can't answer it yes or no. Yes
[11] or no, did you advise Loeffler, when he came
[12] to the police station that night with the
[13] ambulance, that you have information to
[14] believe that Gary Bosetti was involved in
[15] the altercation?
[16] MR. GOODSTADT: Objection.
[17] Answer the question the way you feel
[18] necessary to answer the question. He
[19] can make whatever motion or whatever he
[20] wants to do about it.
[21] Q: Yes or no?
[22] A: I can't answer it yes or no. I
[23] answered it the way I did before. He was
[24] listening to the conversations in the police
[25] department — in the interview.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] that night, sir, did you ask him where Gary
[3] Bosetti lived?
[4] A: No. I didn't — wouldn't believe
[5] he knew where he lived.
[6] Q: What makes you think he wouldn't
[7] know? He was the police liaison. Maybe he
[8] had access to Gary's information. My
[9] question to you is, did you ask Mayor —
[10] Mr. Loeffler?
[11] MR. GOODSTADT: Objection.
[12] A: I did not ask him.
[13] Q: So if I understand you correctly,
[14] you had information to believe that Gary
[15] Bosetti was involved in the vicious and —
[16] using your words — brutal assault on a —
[17] on a civilian that night, and you did
[18] absolutely nothing to ascertain his
[19] location?
[20] A: Not at that moment we didn't, no.
[21] Q: Well, that moment I'm including
[22] the entire night.
[23] A: Well, it was only several hours
[24] later when the police chief came in and we
[25] handed it over to him.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] Q: Sir, from your mouth to his
[3] ears, did you say to him, "Mr. Loeffler, I
[4] have information to believe that Gary
[5] Bosetti was involved in this altercation?
[6] A: No, I didn't say that.
[7] Q: Thank you. Well, did any of the
[8] victims say the name "Gary Bosetti" in the
[9] police station?
[10] A: No, they did not.
[11] Q: Okay. Did any of the girlfriends
[12] say in the police station "Gary Bosetti"?
[13] A: No, they did not.
[14] Q: Okay.
[15] A: I don't believe they knew his
[16] name.
[17] Q: Exactly. Did you inquire with
[18] Mayor Loeffler at the time as to whether he
[19] knew where Gary Bosetti lives in the police
[20] station that night?
[21] A: Mayor Loeffler wasn't the mayor
[22] at the time. He —
[23] Q: Fine. Thank you. I'll make
[24] it — I'll make it more precise. When
[25] Mr. Loeffler came into the police station

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] Q: Okay. But I'm talking before the
[3] police chief came?
[4] A: Not before the police chief came,
[5] because —
[6] Q: You did — you did absolutely
[7] nothing to ascertain where Gary Bosetti
[8] lived?
[9] A: We couldn't because we were
[10] treating the victims and that did take some
[11] time. And we also had to wait for the
[12] police boat to come, and that took some time
[13] as well.
[14] Q: Okay. It took three of you to
[15] treat the victims?
[16] A: They — we still had a crowd of
[17] people in the — in the police station, so
[18] we were standing around with them while
[19] rescue was with them.
[20] Q: What crowd was there?
[21] A: Well, we have the girls —
[22] Q: We have the victims, we have the
[23] girlfriends and — and we have rescue,
[24] right?
[25] A: Right.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] want on the answering machine message?
[3] A: I guess he wanted to talk to me
[4] about the Halloween incident.
[5] Q: Okay. And did you speak to
[6] Paridiso that day about the Halloween
[7] incident?
[8] A: Um, I spoke to him later on
[9] that — the day — the day after. Well, I
[10] guess it was Halloween then. Later on that
[11] day, yes.
[12] Q: So you spoke to Paridiso, via
[13] phone or in person?
[14] A: By phone.
[15] Q: Okay. How long was the phone
[16] call?
[17] A: I don't recall exactly how long.
[18] Q: What did Paridiso ask you?
[19] A: Um, he had —
[20] Q: Or say to you?
[21] A: He said to me that the victims
[22] had come back to file a complaint.
[23] Q: Okay.
[24] A: That they came back, and that
[25] while he was talking to them, they saw a

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] Q: Okay. Okay. And who did you
[3] submit it to?
[4] A: I wrote the report and left it
[5] with — I said, with the package of the PCR,
[6] which is the medical reports that the rescue
[7] took of the victims, the pictures of Brian
[8] Vankoot, put it altogether and left it for
[9] the chief to look at. Left it on his desk.
[10] Q: Okay. And then you spoke to the
[11] chief the day of Halloween by phone?
[12] A: Yes. Later on that day.
[13] Q: Okay. Did the chief say anything
[14] else, other than what you've just testified
[15] to?
[16] A: He said that, um, he went to look
[17] for Gary in the village, but he couldn't
[18] find him, and he had developed information
[19] from somebody that Gary I think believed was
[20] taken off by boat from the village.
[21] Q: Did he say anything else that you
[22] haven't testified about in that conversation
[23] on Halloween day?
[24] A: He told me that he had — he was
[25] firing Gary and he expected Richie to

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] picture of Gary Bosetti on the wall of the
[3] police station, and they pointed to him and
[4] said, "That's the guy who did it."
[5] Q: Okay. And what else did Paridiso
[6] say to you?
[7] A: Paridiso said that he doesn't
[8] condone that type of action, that type of
[9] conduct from his police officers, and he
[10] promised them that he was going to fire
[11] Gary.
[12] Q: Did Paridiso ask you anything
[13] during that phone conversation?
[14] A: Um, well, he asked me what
[15] happened. I explained — I was explaining
[16] the situation to him on the phone.
[17] Q: And what did you explain to him?
[18] A: Just what I explained here about
[19] the Halloween incident. How we got the
[20] call. We went there. What happened. What
[21] we did afterwards.
[22] Q: And what specific — just so I'm
[23] clear, what specific report did you file
[24] that evening?
[25] A: A field report of the incident.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] follow — to leave as well because those two
[3] are tied at the hip.
[4] Q: He said he was firing Gary before
[5] he ever did any investigation?
[6] A: He said he was in the process.
[7] That's what he said. "I don't condone
[8] that," and he said, "I promised the victims
[9] that I was going to fire Gary for what had
[10] happened."
[11] Q: Okay. Did Paridiso say anything
[12] else in this conversation that you can
[13] recall, other than what you've testified to?
[14] A: Not that I can recall. No.
[15] Q: Did you say anything else to
[16] Paridiso in that telephone conversation,
[17] other than what you've just testified to?
[18] A: I said to him, I said, "Chief,
[19] there's a lot of things that are occurring
[20] in this village that I can bring to your
[21] attention," and he said, "Tommy" — he
[22] didn't want to hear about it. He said, you
[23] know, that he's firing Gary and that's it.
[24] Q: Didn't you testify earlier today
[25] that you told Paridiso in this conversation

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[1] [2] A: He called me. I believe he
[3] called me.
[4] Q: And what did he say?
[5] A: He had asked me to write a 42 in
[6] regard to the incident.
[7] Q: And what's a 42?
[8] A: A 1042 is an internal
[9] correspondence. It's sort of like a letter.
[10] Q: Okay. Did he explain to you why
[11] he wanted you to do this?
[12] A: Um, he said that he and along
[13] with — he hired Pat Cherry or he had Pat
[14] Cherry as a special investigator, were going
[15] to investigate this Halloween thing.
[16] Q: Okay. Now you said earlier it
[17] was your understanding that Paridiso was
[18] going to investigate this. What was that
[19] based upon?
[20] A: That phone call when I spoke to
[21] him and he said he went out looking for
[22] Gary, I was under the assumption that the
[23] chief was investigating it then.
[24] Q: Okay. And did you — in the
[25] period of time between that conversation and

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[1] [2] the direction of Hesse without Officer
[3] Fiorillo, Lamm and Snyder's knowledge or
[4] input, despite the fact that they were the
[5] only officers on duty in Ocean Beach at the
[6] time of the incident," do you see that?
[7] A: Yes, I do.
[8] Q: What information and belief are
[9] you relying upon?
[10] A: Um, I believe — actually, if I'm
[11] not mistaken, George rewrote a field report
[12] of the incident and included it in the
[13] official investigation.
[14] Q: And what's the basis for that
[15] belief? That's all I'm asking you.
[16] A: I believe I saw that field report
[17] when he — with his folder with the
[18] investigation.
[19] Q: Did he show it to you?
[20] A: Um, he didn't show it to me
[21] specifically. I believe it was right there
[22] on his desk and we were looking through it.
[23] Q: Who's "we"?

[24] A: Myself and the other officers
[25] that were working. There was a number of us

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[1] [2] when you spoke to Hesse, did anything else
[3] take place that led you to believe that
[4] Paridiso was investigating the incident?
[5] A: I didn't speak to the chief or
[6] George in that time frame, so I have — I
[7] have no idea.
[8] Q: Well, no. My question is between
[9] the time that you spoke to Paridiso
[10] Halloween day and the time you spoke to
[11] Hesse about a week later, other than what
[12] Paridiso said to you in the phone
[13] conversation, was there anything else that
[14] led you to believe that Paridiso was in fact
[15] investigating the incident?
[16] A: No, there was not.
[17] Q: Okay. Did anyone call you in
[18] that period of time as part of any
[19] investigation?
[20] A: No. No one ever spoke to me
[21] about it.
[22] Q: Okay. Paragraph 71, you
[23] allege — and this is on page 18, second
[24] sentence — "upon information and belief,
[25] the field report was then rewritten by or at

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[1] [2] working. I mean, it was right out in the
[3] open for everyone to see.
[4] Q: Who were the other officers?
[5] A: All — it was not just myself
[6] and the guys that were working midnight. It
[7] was all the other tours as well. Everybody
[8] was well aware of what was going on.
[9] Q: No. I understand that. But you
[10] said there's a specific field report that
[11] you claim that — that Hesse rewrote, and
[12] the basis for that is you said that you
[13] looked at this report along with other
[14] officers because the report was out in the
[15] open on Hesse's desk, right?
[16] A: Yeah. The file was at one point,
[17] yes.
[18] Q: Did Hesse give you permission to
[19] go through the file?
[20] A: He had told us that this is what
[21] he was doing and it was right there.
[22] Q: Did Hesse give you permission to
[23] go through the file?
[24] A: I don't remember if he said go
[25] through the file, but he left it open for us

[1] **T. Snyder**
 [2] not at this point.
 [3] Q: Okay. Paragraph 73. "After
 [4] demanding Bosetti's shield and side arm,
 [5] Paridiso offered Bosetti the opportunity to
 [6] submit a resignation letter," do you see
 [7] that?
 [8] A: Yes, I do.
 [9] Q: Did Paridiso tell you that?
 [10] A: No, he didn't say this to me.
 [11] Q: Okay.
 [12] A: Specifically.
 [13] Q: Generally?
 [14] A: No. He just — he didn't say
 [15] this to me.
 [16] Q: Okay.
 [17] A: He said this to I believe other
 [18] officers.
 [19] Q: Okay. But not to you?
 [20] A: Not to me.
 [21] Q: Because that's really all I care
 [22] about today.
 [23] A: No, not to me.
 [24] Q: Paragraph 74. "Within the same
 [25] week, Hesse asked Officer Snyder, Fiorillo

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 [2] Q: Okay.
 [3] A: And he said, "When can you get it
 [4] to me?"
 [5] Q: So your 1042 was the same as the
 [6] individual statement that's being referred
 [7] to in —
 [8] A: Yes.
 [9] Q: In paragraph 74?
 [10] A: Yes, it is.
 [11] Q: Okay. 75, "Officer Snyder —
 [12] after Officer Snyder complied with Hesse's
 [13] directive to complete his statement, Hesse
 [14] claimed that 'there's some discrepancies
 [15] between what you and Officer Richard Bosetti
 [16] say,'" and Officer Richard is in brackets,
 [17] do you see that?
 [18] A: Yes, I do.
 [19] Q: When did Hesse tell you this?
 [20] A: This was a follow-up phone call,
 [21] um, when I faxed it to him, I then followed
 [22] up with a phone call to see if he received
 [23] it.
 [24] Q: And what did Hesse specifically
 [25] say to you with regard to anything in this

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 [2] and Lamm to submit a department internal
 [3] correspondence 1042 regarding the Halloween
 [4] incident and requested that each officer
 [5] provide an individual statement concerning
 [6] the incident," do you see that?
 [7] A: Yes, I do.
 [8] Q: Did that take place in that first
 [9] phone conversation with Hesse that you were
 [10] referring to?
 [11] A: Yes, it did.
 [12] Q: Okay. And did you provide a
 [13] department internal correspondence 1042?
 [14] A: Yes, I did.
 [15] Q: And did you provide an individual
 [16] statement concerning the incident?
 [17] A: Well, that was my statement that
 [18] I provided.
 [19] Q: Okay.
 [20] A: I wasn't due back in work. He
 [21] had asked me, "When are you back at work,
 [22] Tommy?" And I said, "Not until the end of
 [23] the week." And he needed it right away he
 [24] said. So I wrote the — typed it actually,
 [25] the 42, at home.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
 [2] conversation?
 [3] A: He said that he did — "Yes, I
 [4] did get your 42," and that's exactly what he
 [5] said. "Tommy, I'm going to tell you,
 [6] there's some discrepancies between what you
 [7] and Richie say."
 [8] Q: And did Hesse tell you what the
 [9] discrepancies were?
 [10] A: He didn't go into it then, no.
 [11] Q: Did you ask what the
 [12] discrepancies were?
 [13] A: I didn't ask him, no.
 [14] Q: Okay. "Although Officer Snyder
 [15] reaffirmed that his report was fully
 [16] accurate, Hesse later insisted to Officer
 [17] Carter that Snyder's report was 'a piece of
 [18] shit,'" do you see that?
 [19] A: Yes, I do.
 [20] Q: When did Carter tell you that?
 [21] A: Um, sometime after the incident.
 [22] I'm not sure exactly when, but it was after
 [23] the incident.
 [24] Q: Did you ever approach Hesse and
 [25] ask him why he told Carter that your report

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[2] A: I have no idea what his
[3] background would be.
[4] Q: Right. So you don't know if he
[5] had gotten hundreds of commendations while
[6] he was a Nassau County police officer, do
[7] you?

[8] A: I have no idea if he did or not.

[9] Q: All you know — all you claim is
[10] that he was somehow uncertified, correct?

[11] A: Well, he was uncertified.

[12] Q: Right. And that's based upon
[13] what? What knowledge?

[14] A: Based upon the knowledge that
[15] when he came to work originally as a police
[16] officer in the department, he didn't go
[17] through all the background requirements with
[18] Suffolk County.

[19] Q: And did he ever become certified,
[20] to your knowledge?

[21] A: To my knowledge, I don't know if
[22] he was or wasn't certified. When I was
[23] working there, he wasn't certified.

[24] Q: Okay. And you know that for a
[25] fact?

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[1] A: Yes.
[2] Q: You didn't witness the fight
[3] either, did you?
[4] A: No, I did not.
[5] Q: All right. "To investigate the
[6] incident." You didn't take any witness
[7] statement from anyone other than the
[8] victims, did you?

[9] A: I couldn't. No one would
[10] cooperate with me.

[11] Q: Not my question. You didn't take
[12] any —

[13] A: I think I testified to that
[14] already. That no, I didn't.

[15] Q: Right. Right. Okay. And would
[16] it be fair to say, sir, that as it pertained
[17] to the Bosettis, you had already complained
[18] on numerous occasions to Mr. Hesse about
[19] their conduct, right?

[20] A: Yes. Myself and other officers.

[21] Q: I'm just talking about you, sir.

[22] A: Yes.

[23] Q: And isn't it true that Fiorillo
[24] had also complained on multiple occasions to

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[1] **T. Snyder**

[2] A: Yeah. Because there was an issue
[3] with civil service contacting the beach and
[4] letting them know that they had a group of
[5] people who were certified and a group of
[6] officers who were not certified, and they in
[7] fact had a list of that.

[8] Q: And you think because this
[9] retired police officer from Nassau County
[10] was allegedly uncertified, that meant that
[11] he was unqualified to perform an
[12] investigation?

[13] MR. GOODSTADT: Objection.

[14] Q: Is that your testimony?

[15] MR. GOODSTADT: Objection.

[16] A: He was unqualified then. He
[17] wasn't a certified police officer in Suffolk
[18] County.

[19] Q: So you're saying because he was
[20] uncertified, he could not conduct an
[21] investigation in the proper manner?

[22] A: Not as a police officer.

[23] Q: Okay. Now you then — you also
[24] allege that "he was not on duty and did not
[25] witness the fight," do you see that?

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[1] George Hesse about the Bosettis?
[2] A: I — I know there was other
[3] occasions. I don't know how much multiple
[4] would be.

[5] Q: Then let's just stick to you.

[6] You had complained, prior to the Halloween
[7] incident, on multiple occasions going back
[8] to 2002 about the Bosettis, right?

[9] A: Yes.

[10] Q: You had complained about their
[11] conduct as police officers to George Hesse,
[12] right?

[13] A: Yes, I did.

[14] Q: You had complained to George
[15] Hesse about the fact that you believed that
[16] they were drunk on duty, correct?

[17] A: On — yes. Among other things,
[18] yes.

[19] Q: Among many other things, right?

[20] A: Yes.

[21] Q: Would you say that you were
[22] objective with regard to your views about
[23] the Bosettis?

[24] MR. GOODSTADT: Objection.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] near the incident, is that your testimony?
[3] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[4] **MR. NOVIKOFF:** Okay.
[5] **A:** I'm not sure I'm following
[6] exactly what you're saying.
[7] **Q:** Well, you're alleging that Hesse
[8] was part of a conspiracy to cover up
[9] something on Halloween night, right?
[10] **A:** Yes.
[11] **Q:** And you — Hesse wasn't there
[12] Halloween night?
[13] **A:** No, he was not.
[14] **Q:** In fact, Hesse was on vacation
[15] Halloween night?
[16] **A:** He was off that night, yes.
[17] **Q:** So you believe the fact that some
[18] of the people who are witnesses that night
[19] who couldn't cooperate with you, were
[20] somehow being directed by Hesse not to
[21] cooperate with you?
[22] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[23] **A:** From my understanding is when
[24] they talked to Cherry and Hesse, they said
[25] that we were lying and we were not telling

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] **A:** I found it very surprising when
[3] we were trying to talk to people, that they
[4] didn't see nothing, they didn't see nothing,
[5] they kept walking away. But they were
[6] willing to come forward afterwards.
[7] **Q:** That's what I'm asking you. How
[8] many people were willing to come forward
[9] afterwards?
[10] **A:** I'm not sure exactly how many. I
[11] know there were a number of witness
[12] statements that George said he had taken,
[13] that Cherry had taken.
[14] **Q:** Could it be because Pat Cherry
[15] was better at doing an investigation than
[16] you?
[17] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[18] **A:** I wouldn't have any knowledge of
[19] that.
[20] **Q:** That's right. So for all you
[21] know, the witnesses who spoke to Cherry and
[22] gave statements to Cherry did so because
[23] Cherry was just better at it than you?
[24] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[25] **A:** That's your opinion.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] the truth.
[3] **Q:** Could it be that there were
[4] people in — in Ocean Beach that — who were
[5] present that night at Houser's Bar who
[6] didn't think much of you as a police
[7] officer?
[8] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[9] **A:** I have no idea.
[10] **Q:** Didn't think much of Lamm as a
[11] police officer?
[12] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[13] **A:** I wouldn't have any idea of that.
[14] **Q:** Didn't think much of Fiorillo as
[15] a police officer?
[16] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[17] **A:** I wouldn't have any idea of that
[18] as well.
[19] **Q:** Didn't like you?
[20] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[21] **A:** I wouldn't have any idea. No one
[22] ever said to me that they didn't like me.
[23] **Q:** Okay. You just think that it was
[24] surprising that no one spoke to you that
[25] night?

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] **Q:** No. I don't have an opinion one
[3] way or the other. I'm just saying, isn't
[4] that a possibility?
[5] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[6] **A:** Not a possibility in my mind.
[7] **Q:** Okay. Of course not.
[8] **A:** I — I was not thinking of Pat
[9] Cherry as, again, he was not a certified
[10] police officer.
[11] **Q:** Oh. Okay. "Upon information and
[12] belief" — well, let's continue that
[13] allegation. "Cherry conducted a sham
[14] investigation." Well, why was it a sham
[15] investigation, sir? What aspect of the
[16] investigation would you consider to be a
[17] sham that Pat Cherry undertook?
[18] **A:** They never — Pat Cherry or
[19] George never interviewed us about the
[20] incident. Never involved us in the
[21] investigation.
[22] **Q:** He had your reports, though,
[23] right?
[24] **A:** He just had a 42 from us. He
[25] never spoke to us at all. In fact, no

[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] information and belief, Cherry and Hesse
[3] ratified these false statements to cover up
[4] the Bosetti brothers' involvement in the
[5] Halloween incident and by attempting to
[6] shift blame to the victims." What is your
[7] information and belief as it's alleged here?
[8] **A:** My information and belief would
[9] be that they turned the situation around,
[10] and in fact, Gary was making the arrest, and
[11] I couldn't understand how he could be making
[12] an arrest if he was fired.
[13] **Q:** No. You're saying upon
[14] information and belief, Cherry and Hesse
[15] ratified these false statements for which
[16] you don't have any evidence of. My question
[17] to you is, what is your information and
[18] belief, and if don't have any information
[19] and belief, then that's fine, too.
[20] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[21] **Q:** So what's your information and
[22] belief?
[23] **A:** I don't have any information or
[24] belief.
[25] **Q:** Okay.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] **Q:** What did Snyder — what did
[3] Fiorillo say Hesse said that he believed was
[4] disparaging?
[5] **A:** Similar to what he said to Eddie.
[6] That my report — my field report was a
[7] piece of shit and that I was — words along
[8] those lines. I'm not sure exactly what he
[9] said. I wasn't there.
[10] **Q:** Now prior to you doing the 1042
[11] by typing it that day, had you spoken to
[12] Fiorillo concerning what to put in the 1042?
[13] **A:** No, I did not.
[14] **Q:** Did you speak to Lamm about what
[15] to put in the 1042?
[16] **A:** No, I did not.
[17] **Q:** Did you talk to them at all
[18] between the night of the incident and the
[19] time you typed up the 1042 concerning the
[20] events that evening?
[21] **A:** No, I did not.
[22] **Q:** Okay. Paragraph 83. "In or
[23] around the week following the incident,
[24] Hesse rehired Gary Bosetti to work as an
[25] OBPD officer," do you see that?

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] **MR. NOVIKOFF:** How much time is
[3] left?
[4] **THE VIDEOGRAPHER:** Two minutes.
[5] **MR. NOVIKOFF:** Okay. Let's
[6] take a break.
[7] **THE VIDEOGRAPHER:** This ends
[8] tape number six. The time is 5:59 p.m.
[9] We're going off the record.
[10] (A break was taken.)
[11] **THE VIDEOGRAPHER:** This begins
[12] tape number seven. The time is 6:08
[13] p.m. Back on the record.
[14] **Q:** Page 19, paragraph 80. It's
[15] alleged or you allege that "Hesse then
[16] showed Officer Snyder's statement to Officer
[17] Fiorillo, who noticed that his statement and
[18] Officer Snyder's agreed as to the events of
[19] October 31. Hesse then disparaged Officer
[20] Snyder's statement as well. Hesse then
[21] insisted that only Officer Cherry's report
[22] described what really happened." Did
[23] Fiorillo tell you that Hesse disparaged your
[24] statement in his presence?
[25] **A:** Yes, he did.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] **A:** Yes, I do.
[3] **Q:** Do you have any personal
[4] knowledge as to this allegation?
[5] **A:** Other than what I was told, I
[6] forget exactly who told me, but that he was
[7] rehired. I think Hesse actually told me.
[8] Said he was going to rehire Gary and he was
[9] going to be making the arrest.
[10] **Q:** So your knowledge is based upon
[11] what Hesse told you?
[12] **A:** I think that's what happened.
[13] Yes. I'm not — I'm not exactly sure.
[14] **Q:** Okay. Did you discuss with Hesse
[15] in this conversation that perhaps took
[16] place, how he was going about hiring Gary
[17] Bosetti when Paridiso said he was going to
[18] fire Bosetti?
[19] **A:** No. I don't recall saying that
[20] to him.
[21] **Q:** Did you ever inquire with
[22] Paridiso as to why Bosetti is still working
[23] when he said he was going to fire him?
[24] **A:** I never spoke to Eddie about
[25] that, no.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] them up.
[3] Q: Did you ever ask George Hesse why
[4] he said to Carter and Fiorillo that your 42
[5] made him sick?
[6] A: No. But — I didn't ask him
[7] that.
[8] Q: Yes or no?
[9] A: No, I didn't ask him that.
[10] Q: You then continue to allege the
[11] following, "and indicated that he believed
[12] Officer Snyder 'had it in for Gary Bosetti'
[13] implying that Officer Snyder had willfully
[14] submitted a false report implicating the
[15] Bosettis," who told you this?
[16] A: Eddie Carter said that to me
[17] when — during that same conversation.
[18] Q: Did you approach George Hesse at
[19] any time to say to him that you did not have
[20] it in for Gary Bosetti?
[21] A: Not at that time I didn't, no.
[22] Q: At any time did you ever?
[23] A: Long after that, yes.
[24] Q: When did you tell George Hesse
[25] that you didn't have it in for Gary Bosetti?

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] investigations?
[3] A: I was trained to do preliminary
[4] investigations.
[5] Q: What's a preliminary
[6] investigation?
[7] A: Well, you start — as a police
[8] officer, you start an investigation when you
[9] respond to a call, okay, and then I put this
[10] thing together and left it for the chief to
[11] go look in further, because it was alleging
[12] that police officers were involved in this.
[13] Q: As part of that investigation —
[14] training, were you ever taught how to secure
[15] a crime scene?
[16] A: Yes, I was, but —
[17] Q: Okay. As part of that —
[18] MR. GOODSTADT: Objection.
[19] Q: — training, were you ever
[20] instructed with regard to taking witness
[21] statements?
[22] MR. GOODSTADT: Objection. I
[23] just ask you to let him finish the
[24] answer before you ask the next
[25] question.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] A: When he — the day he fired me,
[3] and then at a meeting about I guess a month
[4] or so after.
[5] Q: Well, the day he fired you was
[6] when? April 20?
[7] A: April 20.
[8] Q: Okay. And how did it come about
[9] that you would have told Hesse on that date
[10] that you didn't have it in for Gary Bosetti?
[11] A: He said to me that — he told me
[12] that I was the civil service rat and that —
[13] that I was going to be fired because of it.
[14] That he was firing me because of it.
[15] Q: No. Okay. My question to you is
[16] more specific.
[17] A: I said — we were also talking
[18] about the incidents — the Halloween
[19] incident in particular we mentioned briefly,
[20] and I said, "I didn't do anything wrong. I
[21] just did what I was trained to do. I
[22] handled the incident the way I should have
[23] handled it and I didn't have it in for
[24] them."
[25] Q: Were you ever trained to do

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] MR. NOVIKOFF: My question is
[3] yes or no. If he can't answer it yes
[4] or no, then he can tell me he can't
[5] answer it yes or no. I am not going to
[6] permit him, on a yes or no question, to
[7] start speaking about anything he wants
[8] to speak.
[9] MR. GOODSTADT: Well, if it has
[10] nothing to do with the question, you
[11] can make your motion to strike, you can
[12] do whatever you want to do. But he's
[13] entitled to answer the question the way
[14] he wants to answer the question.
[15] MR. NOVIKOFF: You made it
[16] quite clear to him. Your instructions
[17] were perfect. You said when there's a
[18] yes or no question, to answer "yes,"
[19] "no" or "I can't answer it yes or no,"
[20] and I will accept "I can't answer it
[21] yes or no." That's legitimate.
[22] MR. GOODSTADT: But if he can't
[23] answer it yes or no, he should be able
[24] to explain his answer to the question.
[25] And then you can move to strike and

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] A: Not myself specifically, no.
[3] Q: Okay. Then with regard to
[4] "Suffolk County Civil Service," do you see
[5] that?
[6] A: Yes, I do.
[7] Q: Who specifically did you complain
[8] to repeatedly as it's referred to in 117?
[9] A: I didn't.
[10] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[11] **MR. NOVIKOFF:** I'll rephrase
[12] the question.
[13] Q: Who, if anyone, at Suffolk County
[14] Civil Service Department did you complain to
[15] concerning the endemic corruption and abuse
[16] of power?
[17] A: I didn't complain to anybody at
[18] the Suffolk County Civil Service Department.
[19] Q: Okay. Let's look at paragraph
[20] 135. There's reference to "defamatory
[21] statements," do you see that?
[22] A: Yes, I do.
[23] Q: What defamatory statement can you
[24] point to that George Hesse made —
[25] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] the rat and that's the reason you're being
[3] fired."
[4] Q: Was there anyone present in this
[5] room when Mr. Hesse called you a rat?
[6] A: No. We weren't even in a room.
[7] We were in two vehicles side by side on a
[8] dock.
[9] Q: Okay. Other than this statement,
[10] what other defamatory statement do you
[11] contend in this lawsuit George Hesse made
[12] about you after April 2, 2006?
[13] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[14] A: I can't recall one at the moment.
[15] Q: Okay. Do you understand what I
[16] mean by "defamatory"?
[17] A: Yes, I do.
[18] Q: And what is your understanding,
[19] so that we're all on the same page?
[20] A: Something that defames you. It
[21] discredits you. Impugns your integrity.
[22] Q: And is there anything in your
[23] possession, custody or control that would
[24] refresh your recollection?
[25] A: No, there is not.

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] Q: — about you subsequent to April
[3] 2, 2006?
[4] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[5] A: I would assume one of them would
[6] be the statement he made — he made to Frank
[7] and Kevin — Frank and Eddie about my 1042.
[8] Q: Well, that's before, sir.
[9] A: I'm sorry.
[10] Q: April 2, 2006. What defamatory
[11] statement did George Hesse make concerning
[12] you subsequent to April 2, 2006?
[13] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[14] A: Subsequent to April 2 or on April
[15] 2?
[16] Q: Okay. Let's do on.
[17] A: I'm not sure what he said about
[18] me on April 2 at the — at the meeting. I
[19] don't know.
[20] Q: Okay. Then let's talk about
[21] after. What defamatory statement did George
[22] Hesse make about you after April 2, 2006?
[23] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[24] A: When he was firing me, he called
[25] me a rat. He said, "You're — I — you're

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[1] **T. Snyder**
[2] **MR. NOVIKOFF:** All right. I'm
[3] going to leave a space in the
[4] transcript, and just as to this aspect
[5] of the deposition, I will leave it open
[6] when I conclude today, and I would ask
[7] you to advise me, subsequent to April
[8] 2, 2006, of any statements that you
[9] claim in this lawsuit to be defamatory
[10] that were made by George Hesse about
[11] you.
[12] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[13] **MR. NOVIKOFF:** Okay.
[14] **INSERT:**
[15]
[16] Q: Paragraph 138, there's a
[17] reference to "stigmatizing conduct," do you
[18] see that?
[19] A: Yes, I do.
[20] Q: What has George Hesse done,
[21] subsequent to April 2, 2006, that you
[22] believe is stigmatizing conduct as it's used
[23] in paragraph 138?
[24] A: The fact that he will not write
[25] a — a reference for me, which is just

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[1] *T. Snyder*
[2] Hesse to do so," do you see that?
[3] **A:** Yes, I do.
[4] **Q:** Mr. Loeffler was not mayor of the
[5] village while you were employed by the
[6] village, was he?
[7] **A:** I think he was for a small
[8] portion of when I was employed there.
[9] **Q:** Really? What time period was
[10] Mayor Loeffler the — was Joe Loeffler the
[11] mayor prior to April 2, 2006?
[12] **A:** I'm not sure exactly when, but I
[13] believe he was mayor just prior to that.
[14] **Q:** And if he wasn't, would that
[15] change your allegation in 176?
[16] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[17] **A:** It wouldn't change the
[18] allegation, no. I mean, he — they did
[19] conspire to — to keep the uncertified
[20] officers and fire us.
[21] **Q:** What did Joe Loeffler do that you
[22] believe was part of this conspiracy?
[23] **A:** Well, I'm not sure specifically
[24] what he did.
[25] **Q:** That's what I'm asking you, sir.

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[1] *T. Snyder*
[2] one did?
[3] **A:** No. No one at that time had —
[4] had identified Gary Bosetti. No.
[5] **Q:** Okay. So this allegation that I
[6] just read that refers to the victim of
[7] Officer Gary Bosetti's assault identifying
[8] Gary Bosetti as their attacker did not take
[9] place in the police station, correct?
[10] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[11] **A:** I'm sorry, repeat that.
[12] **Q:** Well, I'll rephrase the question.
[13] Based upon your testimony, the allegation
[14] that the victims in the police station in
[15] Joe Loeffler's presence identified Gary
[16] Bosetti as their attacker is not accurate,
[17] is it?
[18] **MR. GOODSTADT:** Objection.
[19] **A:** That's correct. That's not
[20] accurate.
[21] **Q:** It's not accurate?
[22] **A:** That's correct. That's not
[23] accurate.
[24] **Q:** Okay. When did the investigation
[25] into the Halloween incident end, to the best

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[1] *T. Snyder*
[2] As you sit here today, what specifically did
[3] Joe Loeffler do as part of the conspiracy
[4] that you allege pertaining to the
[5] advancement of the careers of uncertified
[6] and unqualified personnel who served
[7] alongside you?
[8] **A:** I'm not — I'm not specific —
[9] I'm not sure at this time what exactly he
[10] did and did do.
[11] **Q:** Fine. Let's go to 177.
[12] "Defendant Loeffler had direct knowledge of
[13] the undue risk of harm to which Plaintiffs
[14] and the public were exposed to due to the
[15] retention of unfit village police officers,
[16] as Defendant Loeffler was present in the
[17] police station on the night of October 30,
[18] 2004, when the victims of Officer Gary
[19] Bosetti's assault arrived from Houser's Bar
[20] and identified Officer Gary Bosetti as their
[21] attacker," do you see that?
[22] **A:** Yes, I do.
[23] **Q:** What victim in the police station
[24] used the phrase "Gary Bosetti," because,
[25] sir, I believe you testified earlier that no

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[1] *T. Snyder*
[2] of your knowledge?
[3] **A:** Um, you know, I'm not sure.
[4] **Q:** Months after? Weeks after? By
[5] the end of 2004?
[6] **A:** I believe it was before the end
[7] of 2004, but I'm not sure exactly when.
[8] **Q:** Okay. Certainly Joe Loeffler was
[9] not mayor in 2004, was he?
[10] **A:** I don't recall if he was or not
[11] at that time.
[12] **Q:** Okay. If I told you that Joe
[13] Loeffler didn't become mayor until June of
[14] 2006, would that refresh your recollection?
[15] **A:** I wouldn't know that because I
[16] wasn't there in June of 2006.
[17] **MR. NOVIKOFF:** Okay. I'm just
[18] asking if it refreshed your
[19] recollection. Just give me two
[20] minutes. I may be done.
[21] **THE VIDEOGRAPHER:** Go off?
[22] **MR. NOVIKOFF:** No. Stay on for
[23] a minute. Let's not go off. You know
[24] what, I'm done. Subject to that
[25] limited — um, subject to that limited

[1] *T. Snyder*
[2] of the officers said anything to them.
[3] Q: I want to draw your attention to
[4] some testimony you gave earlier in the day
[5] regarding your discharge from the service.
[6] What was the specific conduct that the bad
[7] conduct discharge made reference to?
[8] A: As I testified earlier, it was
[9] for when I was AWOL. When I had the
[10] problems at home and I went home to help
[11] out.
[12] Q: Have you yourself personally ever
[13] made a complaint to Suffolk County Civil
[14] Service regarding uncertified officers?
[15] A: I have not personally made a
[16] complaint to them, no.
[17] Q: Earlier I believe you indicated
[18] that you and Ed Carter work together in the
[19] Town of Islip?
[20] A: Yes, we do.
[21] Q: Okay. What is the relationship,
[22] and by that I mean what is the working
[23] relationship between the two of you?
[24] A: We have a good working
[25] relationship. A good rapport.

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[1] *T. Snyder*
[2] Q: Do you report to him?
[3] A: No, I don't. He works a separate
[4] tour than I do.
[5] Q: And you work what hours?
[6] A: I work 8:00 to 4:00.
[7] Q: And he works?
[8] A: And he works midnight to 8:00.
[9] Q: I'm going to draw your attention
[10] to the exhibit — I'm unsure of the number,
[11] but it was the complaint.
[12] A: Okay.
[13] Q: And paragraph 58.
[14] MR. GOODSTADT: Just for the
[15] record, it's Snyder-6.
[16] MR. CONNOLLY: Snyder-6. Thank
[17] you.
[18] MR. NOVIKOFF: 58?
[19] MR. CONNOLLY: 58.
[20] Q: What's the name of the alleged
[21] domestic violence victim?
[22] A: Just give me a few seconds to get
[23] there.
[24] Q: Sure.
[25] A: I believe her name was Lisa

[1] *T. Snyder*
[2] Campbell.
[3] Q: And did you learn the name of
[4] that woman that evening or had you known her
[5] before or something else?
[6] A: I had known previously. She's
[7] a — I believe she's a resident there.
[8] She's been there for a number of years while
[9] I worked there.
[10] MR. CONNOLLY: I have no
[11] further questions. Thank you.
[12] MR. GOODSTADT: I have nothing,
[13] but similar to the previous
[14] depositions, I just want to reserve the
[15] witness' right to review and sign.
[16] MR. NOVIKOFF: Absolutely. And
[17] we're off the record now.
[18] (Continued on next page for
[19] jurat.)
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[1] T. Snyder
[2] THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This
[3] completes today's deposition for Thomas
[4] Snyder on September 24, 2008. The time
[5] is 6:45 p.m. and we are off the record.
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[7]
[8] THOMAS SNYDER
[9]
[10] Subscribed and sworn to
[11] before me this _____ day
[12] of _____ 2008.
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